

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by: (HED)

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF INITIAL TEACHER CERTIFICATES TO GRADUATES OF THE CONNECTICUT ALTERNATE ROUTE TO CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-145b of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 3 1, 2013):
- 4 (a) The State Board of Education, upon receipt of a proper
- 5 application, shall issue an initial educator certificate to any person who
- 6 has graduated (1) from a four-year baccalaureate program of teacher
- 7 education as approved by said state board, [or] (2) from a four-year
- 8 baccalaureate program approved by said state board or from a college
- 9 or university accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
- or State Board of Education or regionally accredited, or (3) from the
- 11 <u>summer or weekend and evening alternate route to certification</u>
- 12 program administered by the Office of Higher Education, provided
- 13 such person has taken such teacher training equivalents as the State

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- 14 Board of Education shall require and, unless such equivalents are
- taken at institutions outside of this state, as the board of regents shall
- accredit. In addition, on and after July 1, 1993, each applicant shall
- 17 have completed a subject area major as defined by the State Board of
- 18 Education, except as provided in section 10-145l. Each such initial
- 19 educator certificate shall be valid for three years, except as provided in
- 20 subsection (c) of this section, and may be extended by the
- 21 Commissioner of Education for an additional year for good cause upon
- 22 the request of the superintendent in whose school district such person
- 23 is employed or upon the request of the assessment team reviewing
- 24 such person's performance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	10-145b(a)

## Statement of Purpose:

To add the Office of Higher Education's alternate route to certification programs to the list of programs whose graduates may qualify for an initial educator certificate.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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